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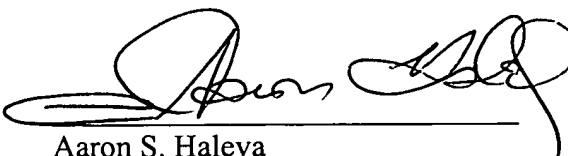
The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references herein and make them of record in the subject application. It is Applicant's position that the references cited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 are clearly not a bar to allowance of the claims in this application.

The above-captioned application has not yet received a substantive Office Action, and accordingly it is believed that no fee is necessary. However, should the Patent Office determine that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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